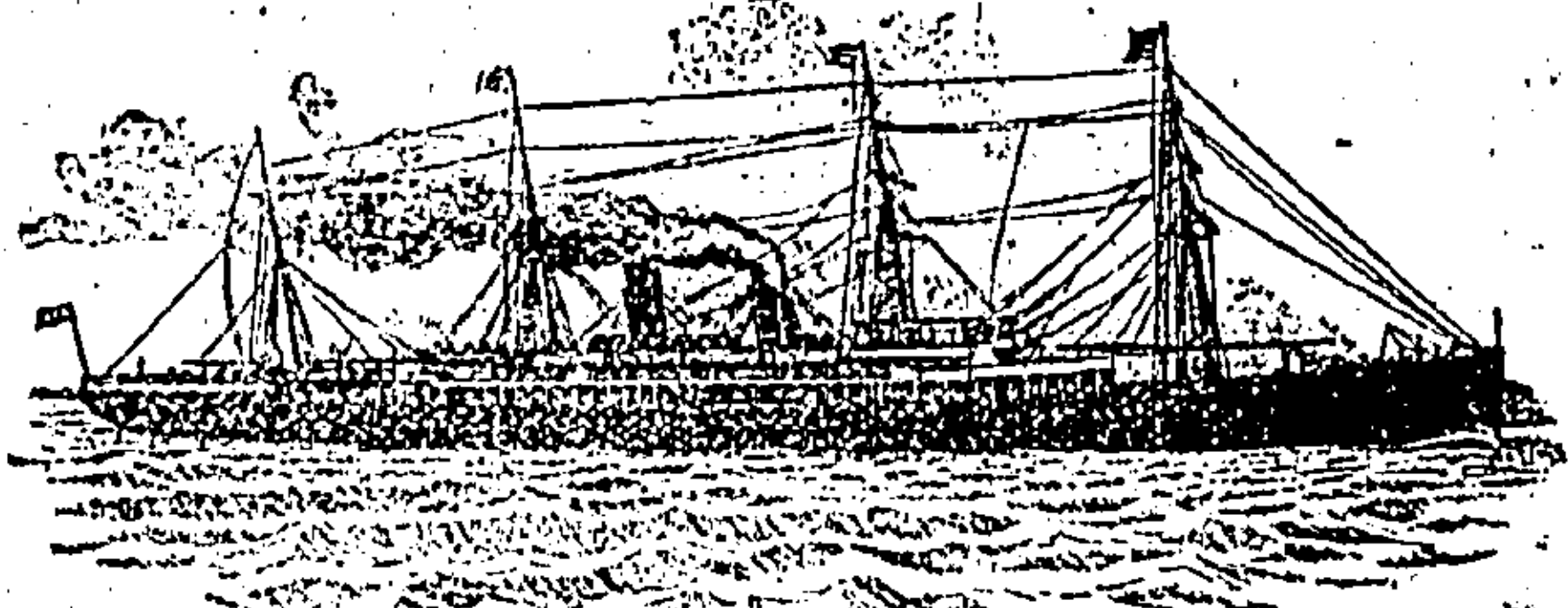


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"COPTIC"	SATURDAY, 20th September, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	SATURDAY, 27th September, at Noon.
"KOREA"	TUESDAY, 3rd October, at Noon.
"GABRIEL"	TUESDAY, 13th October, at Noon.
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"CHINA"	WEDNESDAY, 28th October, at Noon.
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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1903.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 23rd September.
"TARTAR"	4,425 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 7th October.
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 21st October.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 4th November.
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 18th November.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 16th December.
"TARTAR"	4,425 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 30th December.

THE magnificent "EMPERESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS) saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE in 97 hours. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STREAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight.
SITHONIA	HAVRE, ANTWERP, and HAMBURG.	29th August.	Freight.
Hildebrandt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
KONIGSBERG	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG.	13th Sept.	Freight and Passengers.
Mayer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
ANDALUSIA	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	23rd Sept.	Freight.
Von Dehn	HAVRE and HAMBURG.		
ABESSINIA	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	6th October.	Freight.
Filip	HAVRE and HAMBURG.		
BRISAVIA	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	20th October.	Freight.
Schulze	HAVRE and HAMBURG.		
SAKONIA	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	3rd Nov.	Freight.
Brehmer	HAVRE and HAMBURG.		

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
HONGKONG OFFICE.
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM"	2,363 tons.....	Captain H. D. Jones.
"POWAN"	2,338 ".....	G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATSUN"	2,250 ".....	A. W. Dix N.
"HANKOW"	3,073 ".....	J. J. Jones.
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Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at about 7 A.M. and 10 A.M. (Sunday excepted) and at about 6 P.M. (Saturday excepted).

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S.S. "HEUNGSHAN"	1,998 tons.....	Captain W. E. Clarke.
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Departures from Hongkong to Macao daily at about 1 P.M. as per special Schedule. Sunday Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at about 7.30 A.M. excepted.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN"	2,19 tons.....	Captain T. Hamlin.
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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-YUHOV LINE.

S.S. "NANNING"	564 tons.....	Captain R. D. Thomas.
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One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for YuhoV every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves YuhoV for Canton on the same days at about 8 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted through-out by electricity.

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Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1903.

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AMATEUR WORK GIVEN SPECIAL
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FULL LINE OF SUPPLIES
ALWAYS IN STOCK.
ORIENTAL.
COSTUMES AND
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THE MUTUAL STORES and
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Hongkong, 26th August, 1903.

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MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

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The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

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THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT
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ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,
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Length inside, 514 ft. Width of
entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft.
Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to
pump out, 4 hours.

No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of
entrance, top 80.5 ft.; bottom 45.8
ft. Water on blocks, 28.5 ft. Time
to pump out, 3 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work, and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyd's surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Towboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable of lifting 35 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that of any port in the world.

Telephone: Works, No. 506; General, No. 376.

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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KOWLOON HOTEL,

FRANK F. JEWELL,
Manager.

J. W. OSBORNE,
Proprietor.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on MONDAY, the 7th September, 1903, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 30th June, 1903, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 7th September, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1903. [1044c]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that AN EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of October, 1903, at NOON, when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed, viz:—

1. That the Capital of the Company "be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each) to \$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$10 each to be offered and if accepted to be allotted to the present shareholders of the Company at par in the ratio and proportion of one new share for every two old shares in the Company held by the respective shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such new shares respectively to be paid at such time or times and in such manner as the Company by its General Managers may hereafter determine."
2. That Article No. 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled and the following Article substituted therefor:—

"The remuneration of the General Managers shall be \$4,000 per annum (which shall cover office rent but not salaries of Secretary and other employees) and a commission of 5 per cent. of the net profits of the Company for each year that such profits amount to 7 per cent. of the Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed they will be submitted for confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 24th day of July, 1903.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of 5 per cent. (Two Dollars and a half per Share), for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1903, will be PAID on application to those Persons who are Registered as Shareholders in the above Company on the 31st August, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th to the 31st August, both days inclusive.

R. J. MACGOWAN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1903. [1038c]

DIOCESAN SCHOOL & ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES will be RESUMED on TUESDAY, 1st September.

For Terms for Boarders, or Day Scholars, apply to—

THE HEADMASTER.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1903. [1037c]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 37½ lbs. net \$4.75 ex Factory.

In Bags of 25 lbs. net \$2.85 ex Factory.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. [19c]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 12½ per Share for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1903, declared at Monday's Ordinary Half Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises of THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after TUESDAY, the 25th August, and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Queen's Buildings, New Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1903. [1031c]

WANTED.

A BRITISH MALE TEACHER for a Private School in Hongkong.

Apply to—

"M.M."
C/o this Paper.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1903. [944c]

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 175 (SPECIAL).

CHINA SEA.

SWATOW DISTRICT.

WRECK OF CHINESE GUN-BOAT OFF BREAKER POINT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following information has been received by telegraph from the Commissioner of Customs at Swatow.

A Chinese gunboat has been sunk by the Empress of India off Breaker Point and lies in 16 fathoms of water in the following position:—

Breaker Point bears N. 82° W. Mag. distance 15 miles.

The masts are showing above water. She is right in the fairway, and a Danger to Navigation.

H. G. MYHRE,
Acting Deputy Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 21st August, 1903. [1035c]

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 174 (SPECIAL).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

SOUTH CHANNEL, ENTRANCE TO THE YANGTZE.

INTENDED CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF THE KIUTOAN LIGHT-VESSEL AND THE LIGHTING OF THE FAIRY WRECK.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in consequence of the extension to the southward of the Middle Ground, the Kiutoan Light-vessel will be shifted, on or about the

THE GRANDEUR OF MELODY.

(BY A HANKER.)

Probably the most sublime and magnificent concerted music ever heard on this earth is the rendering of Handel's oratorios at the triennial festival (as recently held) by the choir of about four thousand voices and instruments at the Crystal Palace.

The time-honoured National Anthem having been sung, after a few recitatives the double choruses of "Israel in Egypt" are thundered out:—"He-spake—the word,—and there came flames, and fire in all their quarters." The entire vast orchestra seems to be enveloped in a swarm of buzzing, stinging insects, accompanied by the strident bellowing of the wings of hordes of locusts; while a shudder seems to pass over the thousands of vocalists as they hiss out the recital of the crawling irruption of the noisome vermin.

And then—"He gave them hail-stones for rain." First one side of the orchestra, alone, then the other side, sing out the graphic narration, and then, in a moment, with a mighty flood of pulsing melody, every voice, every instrument, unites with the great organ, the deep roll and rattle of drums, and the blasts of trumpets, in the ringing out, with startling resonance, the recital of the awful plague:—"Fire, fire, ran along the ground, fire, mingled with the hail, ran along the ground." And now, after the Egyptian host has perished in the Red Sea, comes the psalm of triumph, the exultant choral of praise for deliverance and for victory. "He hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea; the Lord shall reign for ever and ever"; the entire trumpet-tongued orchestra pealing forth the stately and august strains of that majestic psalmody and magnificent anthem of thanksgiving.

But of all the choruses, the "Hallelujah," from the "The Messiah" is by far the most transcendently sublime. And truly it must be beyond measure the finest and most reverent and triumphant essay to render adoration to the Eternal which mortal man can ever have attempted. Who can hear the Hallelujah chorus sung by several thousands of voices, accompanied by hundreds of performers on all kinds of instruments, without a very thrill of rapt emotion coursing through his veins, or without experiencing a throbbing of enraptured soul-stirring ardour. And as the echoes of the glorious harmony resound in all their bewildering magnificence, and the jubilant hosannas rend the air in a pealing diapason of solemn majesty, the spell-bound hearers must realize, though but faintly and imperfectly, that if frail man can produce such ecstatic harmony, the music of the choirs of heaven must indeed be glorious and sublime.

And we come away from the wonderful performance, with the strains of the "passion" choruses still ringing in our ears—"With his stripes we are healed." "The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all," and all those other plaintive and fearful numbers describing the sufferings of the Saviour on our behalf, we must, unless indeed we have a heart of stone, feel that we must then and there fall at His feet and profess the love and the ardent adoration of our heart.

TIENTSIN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 11th.

The Empress Dowager has endeavoured to stop gossip by the issue of a popular leader refusing any honorific characters on the occasion of her birthday, as the selection of two more to add to the sixteen she already possesses was under discussion. Each character represents an annual income of Tls. 360,000, the edict therefore saves officials Tls. 720,000 a year; but it does more, it turns public opinion which had been building over with indignation back into the groove of thinking the Empress Dowager is not such a bad sort after all. While thus soothing suspicion to rest she and her crew are carefully prosecuting the anti-progressive crusade, and a veritable time of terror has been introduced by the offer of 3rd class metropolitan rank to any one who will arrest any prominent reform leaders, or the recovery of forfeited rank to those who arrest a particularly notorious and influential man. It will be seen at once that such an offer, though it has only been unofficially notified, will set every man spying on his neighbour, afford boundless opportunity for personal animosity and jealousy to have full play, and for bribery and extortion to reap a rich harvest, and it is to be feared a very great number of unjust arrests will be made. Mea while the luckless first graduate at the recent exams, Ling Tze-yi, who is accused, or at least suspected, of being a Wei connection of Leang Chi-chow, the Kang party journalist who had a paper in Japan, is in prison and has already lost all his scholarly rank. It is uncertain yet what will be done with him. Report is now trying to make out that Shen, when he was being tortured, gave the names of a number of his compatriots who were members of his society, and was about to give the names of 24 officials in Peking when he was strangled. I think we may fairly put all this down to nonsense, as Shen was not the man I think to give his fellow-reformers away. It is also stated the Russian Minister has claimed protecting rights over several minor officials whom he believes might be "attached," but this is also I think unreliable.

The British Consulate here has recently been enlarged slightly and a court room for the first time built. In the old days before the siege there were no lawyers in Tientsin, and no one minded much whether there was a court room or not. But now there are four or five of the legal fraternity all bound to make business it is of some consequence, so a more or less suitable room has been built. Moreover, the royal arms have been mounted over the gateway, there being nothing hitherto to distinguish the building and entrance.

There is little business doing now and the folks at Peking are much more numerous in consequence.

August 13th.

The lay of the wind in Peking is indicated by the following items:—The Empress Dowager has it in mind to promote Chiu Kwei, the official who caused the late Mr. Shen to be arrested and executed, to the rank of Chief President of Government Boards, also to give the Chief of Police who carried out his orders a civil appointment. Prince Ching at a recent audience protested very strongly against such an unwise policy, but his petition was received in strong silence and he was permitted to rise from his knees and go away without any indication that his words had had any effect. That the protest was useless and that the Imperial mind is resolutely fixed upon a reckless course may be inferred from the further report that another list of reformers or so-called secret society men has been sent out from the Palace, while telegrams have been despatched in all directions ordering the immediate arrest of all the 40 men mentioned therein. In addition, offers of rank have been made to those arresting any prominent reformers, and promises of restored rank and position to degraded officials for the same service. Added to all this comes a report which has unfortunately a strong smack of probability about it, namely, that in future no Cantonese, Fukienese, Hanneese or other variety of Southerners shall receive either appointment or promotion. If this is true it is virtually a challenge to the South thrown down by the North, and if the South takes it up we betide China. Who can blame the South if it does! I must say my sympathies are wholly Chinese as distinct from the Manchu and Northern. It may be a blow aimed by his enemies at Viceroy Yuan Shi-kai who has surrounded himself with shrewd Cantonese officials, and marked himself as suspicious in consequence.

Marshal Su, who is now in the hands of the Board of Punishments, has been confined in the very chamber where poor Shen was beaten to death, and none of the traces of the foul murder had been removed. Whichever way the wretched official looked he saw the blood of the martyred journalist with its mute tale of horror, and he could not stand it. He managed to secure Tls. 800 and bribed the runners to put him into some other room. This idea is bound to take on, and the torture chamber will doubtless prove a veritable gold mine to the inhuman vultures of the Yamen, till the gory stories become invisible through dirt.

The French Minister is again teasing the Yamen about Viceroy Tseng fulfilling all the promised privileges given by Wang Tze Chun and the Wai Wu-pu is fencing behind pleaded ignorance of what these privileges were, and promises to investigate.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from BRUCE SHEPHERD, Esq., I.S.O., to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 29th August, 1903, at 2.30 P.M.,

within his residence, "HAYTOR," 23, PLANTATION ROAD, PEAK, THE WHOLE OF HIS

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

therein contained, comprising:—TEAKWOOD CABINETS, SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER WAGON, TEAKWOOD DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, HAT-STAND, DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD with WIRE MATTRESSES, CROCKERY and GLASS WARE, PICTURES, CHAIRS, &c., &c.

N.B.—Attention is drawn to several pieces of this Furniture, viz.—Two Cabinets, Sideboard, Dinner Wagon, Two Dressing Tables, Hatstand, &c., as they were recently manufactured to the Vendor's order in Teakwood from specially selected designs and are practically new.

TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1903. [10296]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 31st day of August, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at North Point, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Registry No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
Maine Lot No. 34.	North Point.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		\$	\$
		80	80	200	200	16,000	250	3,000

Hongkong, 24th August, 1921.

[10265

Hongkong, 24th August, 1903. [10296]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 31st day of August, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, near Tokwanan, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
		N.	E.	E.	W.			
Fishers Island Twp No. 4, 150.	Tokwanan.	feet	feet	feet	feet		\$	\$
		50	14	153-7 247-5	323-0 250-0	44,000	852	5,000

Hongkong, 24th August, 1903. [10296]

Insurances.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK

RICHARD A. MCCURDY, President.

ORGANISED IN 1843.

MR. GEORGE ECKLEY has been appointed AGENCY DIRECTOR of the above Company and a Branch Office has been opened in the Hongkong Club Annex, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

By Order,

BASIL H. BETTS,

Special Representative for Hongkong, China and Japan.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [9926]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1896. [26]

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

MID-SUMMER EXCURSION TRIPS TO JAPAN AND BACK.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are prepared during the months of JULY and AUGUST to issue First Class Return Tickets from Hongkong to Yokohama and Back for the Round Fare of Yen 98 payable in Local Currency. Return Tickets are available for return up to the 31st October, 1903.

Stop-over Privileges allowed at any way port, and between Muji and Kobe passengers have the Option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For Information as to Sailings, Steamers, &c., apply at the Company's Local Offices in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. S. TAKAYANAGI, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1903. [8966]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

OWING to the Rise in Exchange, the PRICE OF ICE will be REDUCED to ONE CENT AND A HALF per Pound from the 11th AUGUST.

WM. McMURRAY, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1903. [9996]

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PER S.S. "HITACHI MARU."

HASTINGS AND NAPHWES YORK CUT HAM AND BACON, quite Fresh.

Prices Reasonable.

5 per cent Discount.

H. RUTONJEE,

No. 5, D'Aguiar Street,

and

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Hongkong, 27th August, 1903. [10456]

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A Refreshing Beverage.

\$16.00 per case of 8 doz. pils.

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18th June, 1903. [16506]

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IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS.

THE Company's OFFICES are established at Nos. 20 and 21, CONNAUGHT ROAD opposite DOUGLAS PIER.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903. [5436]

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SHIP CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [18]

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PRICE \$10.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts) or 6 doz. pils.

Special Prices for Quantities.

Sole Agents—SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [5996]

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LESSONS IN SHORTHAND (Advanced Instruction). Apply, stating terms, &c., to—

"STENOGRAPHER," C/O. This Paper.

Hongkong, 19th August, 1903.

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE at a target will be carried out on Stonecutters' Island on September 2nd, 1903, commencing at about 7 A.M. and ending at about 9 A.M. if the range is clear.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th August, 1903. [10286]

THE ROBINSON PIANO Co., Ltd.

PIANO CLEARANCE SALE.

MUST be sold to make Room for New Stock. 200 PIANOS now being manufactured in Europe and Hongkong for coming Season. These Pianos will be of guaranteed quality and will be sold at exceptionally low prices.

RONISCH (Owner's Property) ... 400

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And about 50 others at equally low prices for Cash or on the Hire Purchase system.

Will be stored until required if necessary.

Hongkong 6th August, 1903. [4156]

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Hongkong, 19th August, 1903. [7776]

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Hongkong 9th February, 1903. [20]

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1902. [12996]

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STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HIROSHIMA MARU	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 4th Sept., at Noon.
AWA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SATURDAY, 5th Sept., at Daylight.
BOMBAY MARU	COLOMBO, via SINGAPORE and PENANG	TUESDAY, 8th Sept., at Noon.
SHINANO MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 8th Sept., at 4 P.M.
YAWATA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 9th Sept., at Noon.
WAKASA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 11th Sept., at Daylight.
KUMANO MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 11th Sept., at 4 P.M.
KINSHU MARU	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 15th Sept., at Noon.
KUMAKURA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SATURDAY, 19th Sept., at Daylight.

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For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

T. S. TAKAYANAGI, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1903.

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Captain W. B. Palmer, R.N.R., carrying 11,000 lbs. Mail, will be despatched from HONGKONG, TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

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Shippers will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1903.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE and YOKOHAMA, FOR VICTORIA, B.C. and TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

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TELEPHONE, 232.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1903.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Before the following lines appear in print, the inaugural meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will have been held this afternoon. Thanks to Mr. E. A. Hewitt's initiation that gentleman has succeeded in arousing sufficient interest in the Colony, so that the formation of the Society will be to-day *in fait accompli*. The importance of these societies should be more fully understood by the people. The aim has been and is to inculcate the principle of kindness to man and beast; for in this the Society will be offering the most permanent relief to the suffering. It was observed by Mr. N. P. Cole, in his presidential address to the members at the thirty-fourth meeting of a similar society in San Francisco, that, in carrying on the work to complete success we must rely largely on humane education. The people, and especially the members of the Society, must be instructed as to the relation they sustain to the race of animals that God has created for the use and the convenience of mankind, and also the relation they sustain to the oppressed and degraded children who must be raised to a better life or become a tax to the county or a curse to the community. Therefore, a responsibility rests on all good people to speak for and defend the helpless. It is one of the auspicious signs of the times that a new interest has awakened in the rights and comforts of the dumb animals. The people in many ways are receiving a higher education, and humanity is taking a wider range. In this beneficent task all ought to take part, doing what every one can for the benefit of what some one has called "our poor relations." From the report just quoted we learn that until thirty-seven years ago the animal creation in the United States of America had no recognized defenders. Until that year there were no laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals worthy the name. The assertion that such laws were necessary was received, as it had previously been in England and France, with outburst of derision, and now in this new century what an immense change has there been effected in this respect. Humane laws have been enacted which are doubtless often evaded, but which, when enforced, are sufficient to prevent any and every form of wanton cruelty. So soon as our own Society begin to exercise its functions, it may be taken for granted that efforts will be made to secure legislative co-operation from the Government, without which the work of the Society should be considerably hampered. In any enactment that might be passed by the local Legislature it is to be hoped that some such provisions as are contained in the excellent law enacted by the California Senate in 1874, and amended as recently as 1901, will be embodied. We especially commend to the notice of the Committee of the Society that will be for fully established this afternoon the following sections of the Act for the more Effectual Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:—

Section 6.—Any person who overdrives, overloads, drives from overloading, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, drink or shelter, cruelly beats, mutilates, or cruelly kills any animal, or causes or procures animal to be so overdriven, overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, drink or shelter, or to be cruelly beaten, mutilated or cruelly killed; and whoever, having the charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, subjects any animal to needless suffering, or inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon the same, or in any manner abuses any animal, or fails to provide the same with proper food, drink, shelter or protection from the weather, or who cruelly drives, rides, or otherwise uses the same when unfit for labour, shall for every such offence, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 7.—If any person shall carry, or cause to be carried, in or upon any vehicle, or otherwise, any domestic animal, in a cruel or inhuman manner, or knowingly or wilfully authorizes or permits the same to be subjected to unnecessary torture, suffering, or cruelty of any kind, shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

INWARD parcels by S.S. *Ballaarat* are now ready for delivery.

A NEW seal for the use of the Straits Government has been received from home.

AN article on the grandeur of melody by a banker and Tientsin notes by our correspondent appear on the third page.

THE Sanitary Board issued a blank plague return for to-day.

THE *Pacific* is being dredged opposite Fort San and near the mouth.

Do your own developing without a dark room by using an Eastman developing machine. LeMunyon.—*Advt.*

THE Straits Government *Gazette* contains an order by H. M. the King regarding the minting and introduction of the new Straits dollar.

FOR being drunk and disorderly in the public street last night, Olaf Jacobson, an unemployed seaman, living at the Sailors' Home, had to pay \$3 fine or one week's imprisonment.

THE bacteriologist at Singapore is reported to be conducting a systematic examination of mosquitos. So far he had only found 40 cases of infected mosquitos out of 3,000 examined.

THREE months' hard labour, the last week to be spent in solitary confinement, was the sentence passed upon a native for stealing four jackets from a dwelling-house, No. 157, Flint Street yesterday.

THE Six-A-Side Competition of the Hongkong Football Club will shortly commence. Members desiring to participate should notify the Association, Captain Mr. J. A. C. Bonnar on or before September 5.

A CANTON dispatch reports that it was rumoured on the 22nd inst. that Viceroy Tsén, accompanied by General Fêng Tze-tsai, has gained a great victory over a large body of rebels at Hsinchun, Kwangsi, and the rebel losses were over 3,000.

THE preservation of books in the tropics seems to be interesting to many people. The directions contributed to the *Pharmaceutical Journal* by Mr. Frank Browne, the Government Analyst, reproduced in a recent number of the *Telegraph*, appear also in the *Malay Mail*.

Fresh Kodak film, plenty of them, at LeMunyon's, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Advt.*

UNLAWFULLY behaving in a disorderly manner at Tin Hau Temple, Causeway Bay, thereby damaging property to the value of \$1.70, was the charge against two native weavers, by the name of Pun Tak and Cheong Wai. At the Magistrate's court this morning by Mr. T. Sercombe Smith they were each fined \$1.50 and had to pay \$1.35 compensation.

AN Ordinance is about to be introduced in the Singapore Legislative Council supplementing the Military Manoeuvres Ordinance of 1902 by enabling the Governor in Council permanently to set apart definite area in the Colony, either for military manoeuvres or firing exercises. Thus the military authorities will acquire a sort of "caserne" over the lands, to perform military manoeuvres or firing exercises whenever they choose.

THE following is the programme of music to be played by the Band of the 10th Bombay Light Infantry, on the New Parade Ground, on Monday next, the 31st instant, from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME.
March....."H.M.S. Camperdown".....Clode
Overture....."French Comedy".....Vela Bela
Waltz....."Sourire D'Avril".....Depret
Selection....."Florinda".....Stuart
Lullaby....."Cradle Song".....Lange
Intermission....."Gipsies".....Crowe
Infanterie....."Gipsies".....Crowe
God Save the King.

MESSRS. S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd., successfully launched from their Pootung Works on the 24th inst., the fourteenth revenue cruiser built to the order of the American government for service in Philippine waters. Promptly at 1.30 the launching signal was given by Mr. Mackenzie, manager, and the vessel glided majestically down the ways, Mrs. Struive in a graceful manner performed the christening ceremony by breaking a bottle of champagne on the stem and wishing success to the *Mindoro*. The vessel is a sister ship to the *Mindanao* recently launched.

Mail your films and Kodak orders to LeMunyon, P. O. B. 368.—*Advt.*

THE weekly Topicist writes in the *S. F. Press*: The Rev. Mr. Hardy of Hongkong, who appears to have made the sacred fire of the domestic altar his special study, and has published the results of his experiences in "How to be Happy though Married," has his imitators in the pulpit. But some of these rush rashly in where even a Hardy fears to tread. Probably, poorthings, they are bachelors; but that hardly matters in the only profession which expects one to teach that which one doesn't know oneself. The consistency of the policy will be at least admitted. This in face of clerical "didacticity" will tickle young mammas, or those ladies who have a reasonable expectation of acquiring that status.

WH (L. & C. Express) are gradually gaining some insight into the value of the United States Commission that is visiting Europe with the object of seeking to arrange for a general scheme whereby silver-using countries can be brought into more harmonious monetary relations with the gold currency countries. The statement, made from Berlin and the other information we have previously given leads us to the conclusion that we shall not have to wait very long for some definite pronouncement of the principles arrived at. For Mexico the question is not nearly so complicated as is the case of China, but it is satisfactory to know, as we have already stated, that the Commission has arrived at a conclusion as to China.

One more chance to buy a Kodak for \$5; a good Kodak. LeMunyon, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Advt.*

AN agreement between the Government and the Cunard Line, dated 20th July, has been laid on the table of the House of Commons, with a draft deed for securing debenture stock, and will be published shortly.

It is reported that the members of the Tibet Sikkim Mission have now all reached Kham-bajong, but there are no signs yet of the proper representation of Tibet and China. Major Brotherton, who is in charge of the mission's transport arrangements, has left Darjeeling.

AT about 7.30 o'clock last night a celestial, having imbibed too freely of *samsu* took to the street and started an uproar. An Indian constable warned him to desist, but John paid no heed, and without further ado "Sam" with the aid of a lukong marched him off to the lock up. At the Magistrate's court this morning he was fined \$1 or seven days' hard.

THE Ganges Railway Bridge in Cawnpore crosses the river two miles out of Cawnpore in the direction of Lucknow and has the rails above and the roadway below. It was constructed in 1874, and ever since then a toll has been levied on foot passengers and vehicular traffic. One would have fancied that like the Floogly bridge at Howrah (Calcutta) the bridge toll would have long ago paid for the bridge. The daily takings from tolls range between Rs. 80 and Rs. 100.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and Officers, the Band of the 31st Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening from 8 to 9.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME.
March....."On the Road".....Old Home.
Overture....."Sapphire Necklace".....San Ilvan.
Selection....."The Rose Tree".....Carroll.
Song....."The Song of Arabia".....Clay.
Selection....."The Belle of New York".....Keller.
Valse....."Gipsies".....Crowe.
Two-Step....."Mumblin' Morn'".....Thurman.
"I God Save the King."

AT the Magistrate's court this morning before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, two native fishermen from San Tin were charged with assaulting and injuring one of their fraternity, who had to be removed to Hospital. The complainant stated that, as he was working in his boat, the two defendants came up and stole his shrimps. Words were then exchanged with the result that he was defeated and injured. The case was remanded till noon to-morrow that the Sergeant in charge of the case may appear to give evidence.

Framing, fancy and artistically done by LeMunyon, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Advt.*

THE general committee, of which the Duke of Argyll is president, formed to establish a Memorial to the late Sir Hector Macdonald, is receiving considerable support. The following letter has been received by the committee:—"Having ascertained that the subscriptions to General Sir Hector Macdonald Memorial Fund are likely to amount to about £4,000 within a fortnight, I take pleasure in informing you that my promised cheque for £1,000 will be placed at your disposal at that time. I also hereby renew my promise to send you a second £1,000 when your next £4,000 are subscribed.—Yours very faithfully, (Sd.) JOHN BANNON."

Subscriptions varying from one shilling to a hundred pounds have been received. The memorial is being enthusiastically supported by Scotsmen and the public generally in the "Britains over the Seas" as well at home.

AT the Magistrate's court this morning before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith a native (21) was charged with stealing 26 taels from his uncle. It was alleged that, while at Canton, he asked his uncle for the loan of some money to proceed to some Coast port to start business. The uncle refused, and to his surprise a few days later found that his nephew and 26 taels from his trunk were missing. The nephew had proceeded to Hongkong and the matter got to the knowledge of the police and he was arrested. He told the police that the money was given to him by his uncle, who was sent for. At the Magistrate's court this morning the uncle denied having given the money which, he said, belonged to his brother. He told His Worship that his nephew was a good and "ambitious" lad, and begged His Worship to release him. Mr. Sercombe Smith found the charge proven and sentenced the lad to four months' hard labour.

FURTHER evidence was again heard this afternoon before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistrate's court, regarding the falling of the wall at Mui Kwai Lane. Mr. Olvidevo Neves stated that he visited the buildings every other day, sometimes in the morning and sometimes in the afternoon. He knew the three contractors and overlooked their work continually. Mr. Haggard always accompanied him whenever he visited the buildings. The bondings were bad, but he did not report. He was there on the day after the wall fell. He knew the wall and thought Kung Cheong erected it to a height of two feet above the first floor. Boxim was the next man working at the wall and built it as far as four or five feet above the second floor. He thought Kung On laid the foundation. He said he was wrong if he said Boxim did not finish the wall. He did not know whether Boxim was at present employed in the Colony. His last visit to the house was some time in September last. He then looked after some houses on Kennedy Road. Regarding the mortar he said it was of very inferior quality, and the bricks were soft. He reported it to Mr. Haggard, who took no notice. At the time of our going to press the inquiry was proceeding.

THE new dies with the King's head for Volunteer Long Service Medal have now reached India from England. The medals will be struck at the Calcutta Mint and will be issued as expeditiously as possible.

A PASSENGER who arrived here last night from Canton per the s.s. *Honam* informs us that at about half past six yesterday evening, when the steamer was leaving Canton the body of a native woman was seen floating down the stream.

L. Po and Wong Pan-wah, passengers per the river steamer *Hankow* yesterday, as soon as the boat steamed alongside the wharf, got hold of another man's trunk and came ashore. On their way home they were arrested, and at the Magistrate's court yesterday were sentenced to three months' hard labour each.

FOR entering a grocer's shop to buy some sugar, and leaving the premises with a Chinawoman's umbrella, was the charge preferred against a native lad. He was sentenced by Mr. T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistrate's court this morning to receive twelve strokes with the birch and to be retained twenty-four hours in gaol.

THE Royal Engineers' Variety Club is again giving performances in their pretty little theatre, Wellington Barracks, on the evenings of Saturday and Monday next, and undoubtedly, with the splendid programme arranged, they will again be patronized by their very many supporters, who now thoroughly appreciate the endeavours of "the men who do something all round."

INSPECTOR McDonald and company raided a gambling house at No. 35, Station Street, Yau-mat, last night, and managed to arrest twelve natives who were squatting round tables playing at *pat-kou*. Before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistrate's court this morning the twelve men were paraded in a row. The dealer and banker were fined \$30 or two months' each, and the remainder \$3 or seven days.

THE NEW P. & O. S.S. "PERA."

On July 23 the new twin-screw P. and O. steamer *Pera*, which Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. (Ltd.), launched at Belfast last June, ran her speed trials in the Belfast Lough. The *Pera* is a finely modelled steamer, 495 ft. in length, with a tonnage of 7,600 gross, and a deadweight carrying capacity of about 11,000 tons. The new steamer has been specially designed for the requirements of her owners' trade with the East. The *Pera* has two complete steel decks, all fore and aft, with poop, bridge, and top-gallant forecabin, the cargo space being divided into six spacious holds by steel bulkheads, extending the full depth of the vessel. A considerable amount of accommodation has been provided for saloon passengers, the state-rooms being ranged on each side of the vessel under the bridge deck. These rooms are large and commodious, and have been fitted up in the complete fashion characteristic of the P. and O. Company. Adjoining the entrance hall is the accommodation set apart for the use of the captain, and immediately above this is situated the chart-room and navigating deck, supplied with the necessary appliances for controlling a first-class modern steamship, including telegraphs to the engine-room, telephones to all parts of the ship, and telemotor controlling gear. The propelling machinery consists of two sets of triple-expansion engines of the latest type, and steel multi-tubular boilers capable of working at a pressure of 165 lb. per square inch, with forced draught. After a most successful trial trip and cruise the *Pera* left for London, to receive a cargo for her maiden voyage. During construction the vessel and her machinery have been under the supervision of Mr. G. Manuel and Mr. H. J. Taylor, the superintendents for the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.—*L. & C. Express.*

THE PHILIPPINE REVENUE CRUISER "MINDANAO."

"She is carelessly built and in many details far from what she ought to be," is Commander Helm's opinion of the new Coast Guard cutter *Mindanao* just arrived from Farnham Boyd and Co.'s Shanghai shipyard, and the Commander adds that he does not care how strongly he is quoted on the subject. "It seems to me," continued the Chief of the Bureau of Coast Guard-Transportation and Lighthouse Service, "that these Shanghai shipbuilders have joined the other firms in the Orient and with them have been negligent in their work in the case of the *Mindanao*."

These remarks (according to the *Manila Cable News*) were pronounced by the fact that the *Mindanao* made a trial trip on Sunday, and that Commander Helm was on board at the time to inspect her and to see what she could do. With the exception of her speed the *Mindanao* proved a great disappointment. The workmanship and the details of construction are, according to the Chief's statement, much inferior to those of ten cutters for the same service turned out by the same firm early this year.

On these first boats the work was so satisfactory that the Government did not hesitate to give Farnham, Boyd and Co. another contract when five more boats were required. The *Mindanao* left her anchorage in the bay at 6.25 a.m., Sunday, and arrived at Corregidor at 10.48 a.m. A stay of a few minutes only was made and at 10.55 the boat started on her return voyage arriving here at 12.10 p.m. Besides Commander Helm, the following composed the party on board: Captain W. Howe, Superintendent of Vessels and his Chief Clerk, J. B. Lewis; Mr. Turnbull, representing Farnham, Boyd and Co.; Captain Dow and Fred Hancock.

HONGKONG WATER POLO ASSOCIATION.

AQUATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

To-morrow afternoon at V.R.C. at the members of the Water Polo Association will give an aquatic entertainment commencing at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Ladies are cordially invited by the Committee. The following is the programme:—

1.—TWO LENGTHS (Handicap).
First Heat.
G. J. Clarke Go. J. Alves 4.
H. Austen Go. G. H. Rubio 4.
C. T. Oriorio 3. M. A. Razack 3.
J. M. Britto 5. L. E. Lammer 5.
H. S. Holmes 6. F. Ellis 6.
A. Ribeiro 7. J. Rosa Pereira 8.
F. Jorge 10.
First and Second in each heat to swim in the final.

2.—TEAM RACE.—Y. M. C. A., Lusitano, another.

3.—TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Final Heat).

4.—TUB RACE (1 LENGTH).
First Heat.
G. H. Rubio Tub No. 1. F. E. Ellis Tub No. 5.
H. Austen 2. A. R. Chunnat 7.
F. K. Tala 6. E. Raymond 7.
H. S. Holmes 5. H. C. Sayer 3.
J. M. Britto 4. E. R. Millar 6.
J. Alves 3. M. A. Razack 3.
F. Jorge 7. E. Jordan 1.
5.—EXHIBITION DIVING.
F. W. White M. A. Razack.
W. Schumacker J. Alves.
F. Jorge.

6.—TUB RACE (Final Heat).

7.—WATER POLO.

Blue. White.
A. E. Alves (Capt.) W. Armstrong (Capt.)
C. J. Cooke. J. Wittell.
A. Barros. A. Loureiro.
N. H. Alves. F. K. Tala.
L. E. Lammer. J. Millar.
C. M. Alves. F. D. Bain.
E. Herbst. A. Ribeiro.

SALE OF THE ORIENTE HOTEL, LIMITED.

The *Hongkong Telegraph* was the first to give the news in the Colony the other day of the sale of the Oriente Hotel at Manila. From exchanges to land to-day we learn that the big hotel has been sold to the Insular Government. It will take possession on November 1. Ah Gong, the present lessee who runs the hotel, will vacate. He has gotten enough money out of the sale of his lease to go back to China, if he wishes, and live happy forever.

The Oriente will be turned into a Government building. It will be the post office, the headquarters of the Insular Purchasing Agent, and other Government officials, and where once the cold bottle joyfully fizzed, and the but bird sized, the registered letter and the carabao buyers will reign supreme.

The deal was consummated on the 24th inst. The Government has long wanted the Oriente. The location is fairly central. It is not just what the merchants would want; it is rather a trifle too far from the Plaza Moraga and from the newspaper centre. But a proper site could not be found. McCullough, the printer, wanted a high figure for his building by the bridge of Spain, and the Oriente building was better suited to the purposes of the Government.

The property bought includes the hotel, the warehouse, and the stable that is the entire land and buildings from the front door of the hotel to the front of the stable. The price was between \$50,000 and \$60,000 Mexican. The owners of the buildings do not get all this, as Ah Gong and Walter Fitton got a slice. Fitton and Ah Gong had a lease on the premises running five years from about a year ago. For the unexpected term they asked a large sum. Over this the Government and lessees have been haggling for many weeks. Only yesterday did they finally agree.

The Government wants to get in as soon as possible. It will take months to fix up the buildings for the offices desired. The post-office accommodations, at present, are inadequate.

George Sellner looked after the stockholders in the Oriente property in the deal. It was largely through his efforts that the sale was finally made, as it took much time and hard work to bring together the different interests.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

From the returns, compiled by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, it appears that, excluding warships there were 426 vessels of 1,028,619 tons gross under construction in the United Kingdom at the close of the quarter, end of 30th June, 1903. The return shows an increase in the tonnage under construction of about 54,000 tons as compared with the figures for the previous quarter, but decrease of about 385,000 tons as compared with the quarterly total reached in September, 1901, which is the highest on record. Of the vessels under construction in the United Kingdom at the end of June, 352 of 789,510 tons are under the supervision of the Surveyors of Lloyd's Register, with a view to classification by the Society. In addition, 83 vessels of 250,000 tons are building abroad with a view to classification. The total building at the present time under the supervision of Lloyd's Register is, thus, 435 vessels of 1,042,410 tons.

SHIPPING AND-MAILS.

MAILED DUE.
Indian (*Kunjang*) 31st inst.
German (*Klaus*) 31st inst.
American (*Sterling*) 4th prox.
Australian (*Ching*) 7th prox.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 8th prox.
American (*Coptic*) 10th prox.
American (*America*) 23rd prox.
The C. P. & Co.'s s.s. *Tartar* left Vancouver on 24th inst., for Hongkong via the usual Ports of Call.

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TELEGRAMS.

The "America" Cup.

THIRD RACE POSTPONED.

We are indebted to Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co. for the following telegram:—

New York, 27th August.

No race; very light weather; postponed owing no wind. Will be re-sailed day after to-morrow (Saturday.)

(Reuter's.)

The Near East.

LONDON, 26th August.

With reference to telegram No. 2182, dated London 23rd inst., it was announced in Bucharest that the Bulgarians and Greeks in Roumania had been ordered to return to their homes for the purpose of mobilisation, but there has been no Bulgarian or Greek announcement to that effect.

LATER.

The total number of Turks called out on a war footing in Macedonia is 350 battalions.

The Governor of Bombay.

Lord Lamington has been appointed Governor of Bombay.

The United States.

Mr. Elihu Root, Secretary of War, has resigned and is succeeded by Mr. Taft.

The Second Race for the "America" Cup.

The Shamrock was 2 minutes and 36 seconds late in starting, of which 36 seconds were disallowed according to rule.

(N. C. N. News.)

The Near East.

LONDON, 21st August.

The Russian Embassy has explained to the Porte that the dispatch of the squadron was not a hostile demonstration, but was simply intended to hasten the acceptance and application of Russia's demands.

The Russian demands include the dismissal of various officials in Macedonia, and the reinstatement of others; the immediate appointment of Europeans to command the gendarmerie; and the liberation of prisoners arrested only on suspicion, or for giving information to the foreign Consuls.

The Discord in Macedonia.

LONDON, 21st August.

Greece has appealed to the Powers to put an end to the excesses in Macedonia, from which the Greeks are the greatest sufferers.

LONDON, 24th August.

The Russian demands on the Porte have already been rejected. They include the reinstatement of Illias Pasha, the Inspector-General of Macedonia.

The Turkish Grand-Vizier is going to Macedonia on a tour of inspection.

The War in Nigeria.

LONDON, 22nd August.

Burni was the last stronghold of the Sultans of Sokoto, and its fall completes the destruction of the great Mahomedan empire of Nigeria, and has established British rule over a vast territory.

The British Minister.

PEKING, 22nd August.

Sir Ernest Satow, G.C.M.G., arrived here yesterday evening.

(Vanilla Cablenews.)

Bishop for Cebu.

NEW YORK, August 24th.

The Rev. Father Hendrick has been consecrated Bishop of Cebu. He will shortly leave for the seat of his future labours.

Pearl Harbour Works.

HONOLULU, August 22nd.

The figures of the estimated cost of finishing the constructive work at Pearl Harbour are placed at \$15,000,000. The work is progressing but will not be finished for several years.

The Storm in Jamaica.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, August 22.

The havoc wrought here by the recent frightful storm has impelled the administration of Jamaica to ask for aid from the British Government. Several millions of dollars are needed to relieve agricultural distress and afford the natives a chance to work again in the fields. Sir Augustus Hemming, the Governor of Jamaica, has forwarded an urgent plea for aid.

New German Minister.

BERLIN, 24th August.

Baron von Stengle is the new Minister of the Treasury. He is a distinguished financier.

The Steel Trust.

BERLIN, 24th August.

The Krupps have announced that they will fight the Steel Trust's encroachment on their trade in Europe.

TYPHOON WARNING.

General Edw. S. Briggs, U. S. Consul-General, kindly forwards the following copy of a telegram which he received from Manila to-day:—

Manila Observatory, August 28th, 9 o'clock a.m.

Typhoon off the east coast Luzon probably between parallels 16 and 17.

RAT RETURN.

At the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday afternoon returns were submitted showing that, during the fortnight ended 24th August, 597 rats were caught of which 16 were infected. The President said this great diminution in the numbers was due to the new system only just started, and he hoped that in a few weeks they would find the numbers still higher. The high percentage showed that the supposition that rats were being introduced into the Colony was correct.

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A COLLISION IN THE YANGTZE.

There was a collision in the Yangtze, near the Lismore Light, early on Sunday morning, between the British ship *Dundee* and the well-known Japanese cruiser *Naniwa*. The former vessel was anchored with only one anchor between Tsungming island and the right bank of the Yangtze, a little to the east of north of the Red Buoy, while the *Naniwa* was anchored to the north-east of the Red Buoy, and towards the Pootung shore. The wind was south at the time and the tide ebb. The strong current of the Yangtze caused the *Dundee* to drag, and she drifted down on top of the *Naniwa*, whose port cable parted, and the two vessels drifted down the river for some distance on the Pootung shore locked together, until the *Naniwa's* anchor held again and the *Dundee* drifted clear of her. Very little damage was done to either vessel, the *Naniwa* losing her port bower anchor with 75 fathoms of cable, which are now being dredged for, and having some of the deck fittings along her starboard side carried away or damaged. The cable of the *Dundee*, too, touched the *Naniwa's* starboard propeller, and it will of course be examined, but the hull of the *Naniwa* was not touched, and it will not take long to replace the davits, stanchions, accommodation ladder, leadman's stand, etc., that were damaged or carried away.

ANOTHER RUSSO-CHINESE CONVENTION.

The *Kokumin's* Peking correspondent gives the following as the text of the latest Russo-Chinese Convention. According to the *Yifu's* correspondent, it is a mere fabrication of the Russ who wish to make the Chinese believe that all the efforts of Japan against Russia are in vain:—

Art. 1.—The appointment and dismissal of the Governor-General, Chief Military Commanders, Taitis, and Prefects in Manchuria, shall be determined on consultation between the Chinese Government and the Russian Minister to China, and the Chinese troops stationed in the Three Eastern Provinces shall be placed under the control of the said Russian Minister. In case banditti make their appearance in Manchuria, the Chinese troops shall be made to suppress them, and if they are unable to accomplish that work Russia shall dispatch troops to help them.

Art. 2.—At Russo-Chinese market towns in Manchuria the trade with people of any other nation shall be foridden; moreover the working of the mines in Manchuria shall also be forbidden to the subjects of any other Power.

Art. 3.—The Customs in Manchuria shall be under the joint control of China and Russia. The railways in the same district shall, on mutual and special agreement between the parties concerned, revert to Chinese ownership after the lapse of 70 years from the date of the signing of the Treaty. No third party shall be allowed to own or work the railways.

Art. 4.—Telegraph and postal affairs in Manchuria shall be solely managed by the commissioners of Russia and China, and in case they have committed any mistake in the discharge of their duties the matter shall be dealt with by the Russian Minister.

Art. 5.—If war breaks out with any third Power or Powers on account of the present Treaty, Russia and China will conjointly fight with those Powers, but in case China refuses to join in the war, Russia will undertake it alone. If the war terminates in the victory of Russia the whole of Manchuria shall be ceded to Russia. The civil and military officers of China stationed in Manchuria shall on that occasion be removed to Chinese provinces, though the ordinary Chinese people may be allowed to remain.

THE FATALITY ON THE "POYANG."

The return of this steamer to Shanghai has enabled us (V. C. D. News) to obtain, through the courtesy of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, some further information in reference to this calamity. It is known now that the mess-room boy, who was landed sick at Wuhu before there had been any deaths on board the steamer, has since died there of cholera. The whole of the evidence obtainable as to what occurred on the *Poyang* and as to the illness and death of her five officers, was submitted to and carefully investigated by Dr. Thomson of Hankow, who has certified in a long and exhaustive report to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, that the symptoms in the case of all those who died were undoubtedly those of true cholera. Dr. Thomson's report and the evidence have been laid before Drs. Burge and Milles here, who fully agree with his conclusions. Finally, the matter has been submitted to the Acting Chief Justice here, Mr. F. S. A. Bourne, who has given it as his opinion that Mr. Spinney, having before him the certificates of two qualified doctors that the deaths were due to cholera, was perfectly right, in the absence of any cause of suspicion, in giving a burial order, an inquest under such circumstances not being necessary.

FLOATING DOCK FOR MANILA.

A floating dock for the accommodation of passengers, to facilitate their landing and to enable them to gain possession of their baggage, is the latest addition planned by the Custom House. This dock will be built almost immediately and it will be located as near as possible to the frontage of the Baggage and Immigration departments. It will be adjustable to the tides and the builders will take similar docks successfully in use in Japanese ports for models.

Insular Surveyor Cairns, who has given the matter much attention while on his recent tour to Japan, will superintend the building of the dock personally and will see to it that it fills every requirement for it is a much-needed improvement on the present mode of landing passengers.—*Manila Cablenews.*

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ABACA: THE PHILIPPINE STAPLE INDUSTRY.

II.

(Specially written for the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

[Continued]

"Left to himself the native cuts the plant at any time of maturity. When he is hard pressed—for a dollar or two, he strips a few petioles, leaving them for days exposed to rain and atmosphere to soften and render easier the drawing of the fibre in which putrefaction has commenced. The result is prejudicial to the dealer and the plantation owner, because the fibre discolours" (and weakens—F.M.J.S.). "Then he passes the bast under a toothed knife, which is easy to work" (and spoils the fibre more—F.M.J.S.), and goes down to the village with his bundle of discoloured, coarse fibre with a certain amount of dried sap on it to increase the weight. He chooses night time for the delivery; firstly, because the acopiador (buyer, comprador) may be deceived in the colour, upon which depends the selection of quality; and, secondly, in order that the fibre, absorbing the dew, may be heavier. These are the tricks of trade well known to the native."

The writer may complete Mr. Foreman's experiences with the remark, that the dear innocent creature, as a rule, feels much too tired to do the rough work of stripping the stem and puts most of that business off on benevolent mother Nature. He simply cuts the leaves off and suspends the stem from a low jungle tree until it has got sufficiently rotten, to make the stripping a child's play.

No wonder, therefore, that the native, who in a week's work can earn \$5 without overstraining himself, remains a hopeless pauper. Also it seems pretty reasonable, that the quality of the fibre is decreasing at the same rate as the self-esteem of the Filipino increases. As an American citizen he is, of course, a different man from the former Spanish subject (2nd class) and he feels considerably more as a gentleman far exalted above all humble toil.

He is even benevolent enough to prevent the Chinaman from overstraining with hard work and helps short-sighted people to keep the Chinese coolie out of the Philippines in order to "work" the islands for the *doles* for *niente* of the "children of the soil." The world at large and especially the shipping benefits by this ideal state of things through paying an exorbitant price for a product, which in a far better quality at a great profit can easily be produced at half the price it now commands in the market. Sailors and ship officers, whose limbs are badly damaged by the breaking of hawsers in making fast the ship—nowadays a familiar occurrence—have a special reason for gratitude to the languid Filipino and his paternal Government.

The writer therefore insists especially on his previous statement, that fibre produced in a regular plantation will be infinitely superior to the product of the national labour or the national indolence of the Filipinos. Plantations worked after the methods of the Ceylon and the Assam tea planter, Java coffee, Sumatra and Borneo tobacco plantations are impossible in the Philippines and hundreds of square miles of the former plantations belonging to erstwhile rich owners are laying waste. The intelligent native has raised his standard of life and pretensions at the ratio of the old Spanish peso to the American gold dollar. He used to sleep and loaf half his life in old times and he scarcely ever awakes to any kind of work now. Even the tremendous profit of hemp growing is disappearing before such a complete Utopian life. Formerly, the owner gave his working men the value of half the hemp extracted as a price for the work of extraction. Now even that enormous remuneration is insufficient to persuade a man to do a good day's work, when he can get an Eagle dollar for scarcely any toil.

The planting of abaca requires very little labour. It is more a matter of time and patience than of intelligence and heavy expenses. All there is to be done is: Clearing and burning jungle, planting the young shoots, which in old plantations issue in enormous numbers and, during about one and a half years, keep the plantation moderately clean. After that time the enormous leaves of this banana tree overshadow the soil and choke all herbs, while the roots extend to a depth of nearly two feet and spread over almost all the soil, leaving no food for any other plant. All writers on the Philippines declare, that the development of a plantation from young shoots requires three years and from seeds, for the hemp banana carries, like all wild growing plant, many seeds, at least four years.

The writer has his doubts about this statement and ascribes the slow growth to the slow and much interrupted work of the native. Anyone interested in banana growing can take the proof himself and will find that a single shoot planted in the ground at the end of a year has become a full grown tree with at least a couple of shoots, and after the second year, a whole cluster of stems will have been formed. The fact is, that Suanlamba plantation (Sandakan Bay, B.N. Borneo) had a perfectly developed banana field of about 60 acres exactly two years after the first start. The photos taken at that time do not admit of the slightest doubt on that score. Two years, therefore, must be considered a minimum of time required for the outlaying of a hemp plantation. Three to six months are to be added for the time required by cutting a, d burning jungle, building houses and laying out the fields and roads, drainage, etc. A manager with one assistant and about 120 coolies can easily perform all the work required and, decorate at the same time the ripe stems amounting to at least one, but probably to three or four trees per cluster, i.e., about 700 to 2,800 plants per acre. Left to themselves the plants produce clusters of twelve to fifteen trees in about three years (Jagor). It is, however, better

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to restrict the stems to eight per cluster, as the chance for a good development of the stems is augmented by this system. The chief shoots either serve for the extension of the plantation or are thrown away.

A Manila hemp plantation practically lasts for ever, for the plant is really a wild herb possessing all the luxuriant growth and vital power of these children of chance. (The harvesting lasts 50 to 60 years.—Jagor, *Travels*, etc.) A single tree has sometimes been known to produce two lbs of hemp, the average yield will, however, scarcely exceed half lb and it will be advisable to take this as the basis of calculation, which gives 4,480, or in round numbers 4,500 trees to the ton.

An acre, planted at 8 x 8, with 8 stems per cluster, therefore should give about 5,600 stems, or 14 ton. The trees harvested are replaced by the ever-reproducing root in an almost incredibly short time. The writer, however, cannot give any positively reliable figures on this head, as his visit to Suanlamba has been too short to allow of a positive statement. The manager declared three months sufficient for the development of a new stem from an old root. Foreman gives the following particulars:—

The average weight of the dry fibre extracted from the plant equals 10 ounces or say two % of the total weight of stem and petioles.

The length of the bast ready for manipulation at the knife, averages in Albay 6 feet 6 inches.

In Suanlamba the average length of fibre was about 8 feet and some exceptionally high trees have even produced small quantities of hemp 3 feet long. The average yield of fibre was 7 ounces a tree, but I doubt that a proper choice was made and only ripe stems used. The manager told me that he had repeatedly sent small quantities to the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co. The samples sent to Europe have been declared exceptionally beautiful by experts. In general, there seems to be no doubt, that this fibre ranks with the very best product of the Philippine islands.

(To be continued.)

KANG YU WEI.

On the 22nd inst. we published a "special" from our Ipoh correspondent giving an account of the reception accorded to Kang Yu Wei in the Malay States. From Penang exchanges, we learn that the celebrated Chinese Reformer, arrived at Ipoh (F.M.S.) on the 18th inst., by train from Taiping, and was cordially welcomed by the Chinese and Europeans, amongst whom was Mr. Cowan, Protector of Chinese. Kang Yu Wei then drove to the Mining Association, accompanied by Messrs. William Cowan, Claude Ley Kum, Ho Pak Leung, Lim Loke King, Gim Ah Choon, Kang Kit Sang, Cheah Cheang Lim and others. At noon Kang Yu Wei and a party visited the hospital, and he was to leave for Batu Gajah by the 1.30 train.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

The stagnant condition of the local share market has been further accentuated during the week by an all-round drop in the quotations for the leading stocks, including among which is the Hongkong Bank, the rate for which and others close as follows:—

Banks	...	\$635
Nationals	...	28
Cantons	...	180
H.K. & M. Steamships	...	35 1/2
Indo-Chinas	...	86
Shell Transports	...	100
China Sugars	...	95
Jelesub	...	50
Docks	...	205
Wharves	...	88
Lands	...	155
Hongkong Hotels	...	153
Humphreys Estate	...	10 1/2
Green Islands	...	22 1/2
China Provident	...	9 1/2

In Shanghai the important feature of the week is a serious slump in Farman Bonds. Latest telegraphic quotation from the North reports the stock as offering at as low a figure as 11s. 12 1/2.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	110 1/2
" Bank Bills, on demand	109 1/2
" Credits, 4 months' sight	109 1/2
" D/M's 4 months' sight	109 1/2
ON BERLIN, (demand)	M. 1.90 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	234 1/2
" Credits, 4 months' sight	235
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	45 1/2
" Credits, 30 days' sight	45 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	199 1/2
" On demand	199 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	nom.
" Private 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	90 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10 8
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	\$6 70
Yai Silver	...

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—	Per chest
MILWA NEW	900
" LAST YEAR	920/940
" OLDEST	1010/1,050
PATNA NEW	1,070
" OLD	No Sales
BENARES NEW	1,070
" OLD	No Sales
PERSIAN (PAPER)	800,830

TO-DAY'S

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Hongkong, 28th August, 1903. [1053]

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PUBLIC AUCTION,
For Account of the Estates of the late
F. O. EDLIN, F. VOSS, Captain MCINTYRE,
and MARIA SCHULSTER,
TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), the 29th August, 1903,
at 11 A.M.,
at their

SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street,
SUNDRY GOODS AND EFFECTS,
Comprising:—

GENT'S and LADIES' CLOTHING,
TRAVELLING BAGS and TRUNKS,
BOOKS, BOOTS and SHOES, BEDDING,
&c., &c.

A Quantity of GOLD JEWELLERY and
COINS.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1903. [1050]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been favoured with instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
at their
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street,
TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY), the 29th August, 1903,
at 12 Noon,
THE WATER PONY "FAREWELL,"
An excellent Hack and good Pony.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1903. [1052]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
WEDNESDAY, the 2nd September, 1903,
at 10 A.M.,
at H.M. NAVAL YARD,
SUNDRY NAVAL, OBSOLETE AND
CONDEMNED STORES,

Comprising:—
BOATS' ENGINES, BOILERS, OLD
BRASS, COPPER, IRON, PAPER STUFF,
CANVAS, FURNITURE, IMPLEMENTS,
&c., &c.

TERMS:—As customary.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1903. [1051]

NAVAL YARD EXTENSION WORKS.

On and after this date, Mr. A. J. WILLIAMS,
C.E., will act as our fully authorised
CHIEF AGENT in connection with these
Works.

PUNCHARD, LOWTHER & CO.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1903. [1047]

FOR NAGASAKI AND VLADIVOSTOK.
(Calling at GENSAN).

THE Steamship.

On and after this date, Mr. A. J. WILLIAMS,
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PUNCHARD, LOWTHER & CO.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1903. [1047]

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PUNCHARD, LOWTHER & CO.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1903. [1047]

FOR SINGAPORE AND CALCUTTA.

Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LD.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	On 4th September.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 9th September.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 17th September.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAK LING"	On 23rd September.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	On 1st October.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"NESTOR"	On 1st September.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"KINTUCK"	On 15th September.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"PINGSUEY"	On 22nd September.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"GLAUCUS"	On 29th September.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"AGAMEMNON"	On 13th October.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"JASON"	On 20th October.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"PAK LING"	On 27th October.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"DEUCALION"	On 6th September.
	"CALCHAS"	On 2nd October.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	29th August.
CHIEFOO and TIENSIN	"KWEIYANG"	29th "
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"TOKAN"	31st "
ILOILO	"WUANG"	4th September.
MANILA	"CHANGSHA"	8th "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	8th "

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivaled table. A duly qualified Surgeon is on board.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1903.

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 29th Aug., at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	CEBU and ILOILO	MONDAY, 31st Aug., at 4 P.M.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond		SATURDAY, 5th Sept., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1903.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, INLAND SEA OF
JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,

PORTLAND, OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	W. E. Craven	Sept. 13, 1903.
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	R. P. Craven	Oct. 14, "
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	Nov. 14, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent,

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR TAMSUI (DIRECT)	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 30th Aug.
FOR ANPING*	"MAIDZURU MARU"	K. Akashi	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Sept.
FOR TAMSUI*	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves,
FOR FOCHOW*	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto

* Via SWATOW and AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1903.

T. ARIMA, Manager,

1779.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

HONGKONG-MANILA,

REDUCED SALOON PAS-
SAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20. RETURN, \$35.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric Light, First Class Accommodation. Unrivaled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1903.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw
Steamer

"KWONG CHOW."

1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves HONGKONG for CANTON at 8.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days leaving CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare, \$4 Single Journey.
Meals \$1 each.
The Company's Wharf is West of the Hongkong Harbour Master's Office.

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.
No. 8, Queen's Road West.
Hongkong, 30th May, 1903.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE"

Captain G. C. Condy, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 30th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1903.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SAMBIA"

Captain Schmidt, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 30th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1903.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING"

Captain Passmore, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 30th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAIRDALE & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1903.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

MANILA LINE.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled. Unrivaled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship.	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
ROSETTA MARU	H. S. Smith	3,876	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Sept., at 11 A.M.
ROHILLA MARU	E. P. Bishop	3,869	

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1903.

THE AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW
YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"BARON DRIESEN"

Captain H. Plazing, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at Noon.

To be followed by the s.s.

"NORDKYN"

Captain A. Beer, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th September.

For Freight, &c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1903.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING"

Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 1st September at 1 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1903.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EASTERN"

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This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1903.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI."

Captain SAMUEL BELL SMITH.

DEPARTURE from Hongkong (on Week Days) at 7.30 A.M., (on Sundays) at 8.30 A.M. From Macao (Week Days) at about 2 P.M. (Sundays) about 8 P.M.

FARE:—(Week Days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), \$3; Return Ticket, \$5. 2nd Class, \$1.50; Return Ticket, \$2.50. 3rd Class, \$1; Steerage, 50 cents.

On Excursion Sundays, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Class Single Ticket, \$2; Return Ticket, \$3. Return Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on Board or at Macao Hotel, \$5.

Wharf opposite Central Market.
The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip EVERY SUNDAY in Summer.

For Freight, &c., apply to—
SAM WANG & CO., LD.,
81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1903.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK,
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903.

"MOGUL"..... About 1st Aug.

"BRAEMAR"..... 10th Sept.

"SATSUMA"..... 23rd Sept.

"SHIMOSA"..... 23rd Sept.

"KURDISTAN"..... 24th Oct.

"RICHMOND CASTLE"..... 7th Nov.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st August, 1903.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT),
Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, CAL-
CUTTA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
and PORT SAID.(Taking Cargo at through Rates to the BRAZILS,
to SOUTH AMERICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA,
LEVANT, VIENNA and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"PERSIA"

Captain Craglietto, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 10th September, P.M.

This steamer has capital accommodation for passengers. Electric light and carries a doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Princes Buildings.

Hongkong, 21st August, 1903.

REGULAR SERVICE

BETWEEN HONGKONG AND

MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled. Unrivaled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

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Hongkong, 28th August, 1903.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

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DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1903.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1903.

Consignees.

S.S. "SALAZIE."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. *Tigre* and *Cordouan*, and from Bordeaux ex s.s. *Ville de Rochefort* and *Ville d'Arras*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON, TO-DAY, the 24th instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 13th instant, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 31st instant, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1903.

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "SHIMOSA,"

FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd September will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th September, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st August, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1903.

"INDRA" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Shipping.

Arrivals.	
Eastern, Br. s.s., 3,526, Ellis, 27th Aug.—Sydney and Ports 5th Aug., Gen. and Coal.—G. L. & Co.	
Crown of Arragon, Br. s.s., 1,474, Dorward, 27th Aug.—Fochow 25th Aug., Tea.—Gilman & Co.	
Lyra, Am. s.s., 3,516, Williams, 27th Aug.—Seattle 26th July, Gen.—D. & Co., Ltd.	
Valetta, Br. s.s., 1,003, Palmer, 28th Aug.—Shanghai 25th Aug., Mails and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Progress, Ger. s.s., 647, Bremer, 28th Aug.—Singapore 21st Aug., Gen.—Heng Seng Cheong.	
Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,267, Pissmore, 28th Aug.—Fochow 25th Aug., Amoy 26th, and Swatow 27th, Gen.—D. L. & Co.	
Humber, Br. steamer, 1,640, Coudr. Daintree, R.N., 28th Aug.—Wei-hai-wei 22nd Aug.	
Nippon Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,437, Greene, 28th Aug.—San Francisco 31st July, and Shanghai 25th Aug., Mails and Gen.—P. M. S. S. Co.	
Nankin, Br. s.s., 2,357, Roberts, R.N.R., 28th Aug.—Mojil 23rd Aug., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Fongkong, Fr. s.s., 302, Pannier, 28th Aug.—Singapore and Hoihow 27th Aug., Gen.—A. R. M.	
Kwanglee, Ch. s.s., 1,468, Lincoln, 28th Aug.—Canton 28th Aug., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.	
Waishing, Br. s.s., 1,179, Tadd, 28th Aug.—Canton 28th Aug., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Kongnam, for Canton.	
Pak Kong, for Macao.	
Yuenang, for Manila.	
Sabine Rickmers, for Palikpian.	
Zufiro, for Manila.	
Chingcheu, for Amoy.	
Half ong, for Swatow.	
Rohilla Maru, for Manila.	
Nankin, for Swatow.	
Lyn, for Manila.	
Taka, for Chefoo.	
Wingchai, for Macao.	

Departures.

Aug. 28.	
Bullmarit, for Shanghai.	
Rohilla Maru, for Manila.	
Huachi Maru, for Kobe.	
Hailong, for Coast Ports.	
Taitau, for Swatow.	
Anping Maru, for Swatow.	
Merionethshire, for Singapore.	
Bourbon, for Swatow.	
Anna, for Quinhon.	
Hoihow, for Hoihow.	
Takung, for Shanghai.	
Yuenang, for Manila.	
Rygio, for Canton.	

Passengers arrived.

Per Cheong Chuu, from Singapore—455 Chinese.	
Per Grigon of Arragon, from Fochow—Mr. J. Helbing.	
Per Hatching, from Coast Ports—Misses Griffin, Hawker, Garrett, and Sullivan, Mr. Lucasen, and 265 Chinese.	
Per Valetta, from Shanghai for Hongkong—Mr. G. Ashmore, Dr. P. C. Freer, and 3 Indians. For London—Sergt. McNamara. For Suez—Mr. Bruce Simmons. For Bombay—Col. O'Connor and 2 Indian servants, Mr. Jamsetjee Mistry, and Sergt. Hyatt.	
Per Estera, from Australian Ports—Rev. S. Lillingston, Messrs. E. F. E. Havergal, E. Woolf, Miss K. M. Goode, Mrs. M. Kerr, Miss A. Kerr, Mrs. E. Mair and child, Misses M. Officer, A. Officer, Waters, Rev. Father O'Brien, Messrs. E. Tully, J. C. Solles, J. A. Piement, Mr. F. X., Mrs. and Miss Pereira, Mr. A. Antunes, Mrs. E. Baros, Capt. P. Green, Lieut. Seldeneck, Mr. W. and Mrs. Morris and 2 children, Messrs. J. D. Myers, B. N. Binion, F. I. Knopp, W. B. Blake, W. Muddford, D. Manuel, 62 Chinese, 1 Sikh, and 2 Natives.	
Per Nippon Maru, from San Francisco, R.C.—Mr. B. E. Lear, Mrs. F. O'Brien, Messrs. C. A. McDonough, A. P. Walker, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. J. Lesser, Mrs. G. H. Patterson, Mrs. P. C. H. Parker, Messrs. C. H. Pearson, J. H. Burwell, J. W. Cheesborough, Rev. W. N. Fong, wife and infant, Capt. and Mrs. L. E. Ross, Miss Bessie Kincad, Masters William, Percy and Geo. Kincad, Messrs. C. C. Brunner, T. H. Stewart, H. L. Stevens and wife, Misses K. A. Egan, M. L. Hughes, C. W. Park, May Duncan, Mr. Fremont Morse, Mrs. D. Jackson, Mr. Shiba, Dr. R. F. Weir and wife, Miss Alden, Mrs. S. A. Mitchell, Mr. K. Kawara, Dr. Hardy, Messrs. Geo. Moore and native servant, G. G. Hard, L. C. Abbs and native servant, Miss F. Mc'ee, 54 Chinese and 5 Japanese.	

Passengers to depart.

Per Valetta, from Shanghai for London—Sergt. McNamara. For Suez—Mr. D. Bruce-Simons. For Bombay—Col. O'Connor, Mr. J. S. Mistry, and Sergt. Hegarty. From Hongkong for London—Miss Herring, Miss Herring, Messrs. A. G. Ewing, W. A. Bass, G. E. Parkhurst, J. Bunn, C. H. Rieklad, J. Douy, F. Wilson, Master Briss, and Mr. Alex. Sample. For Singapore—Lieut. Seldeneck, and Mr. Chan Pak Sang.	
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Steamers Expected.

Vessel	From	Agents	Date
Rosetta Maru	Manila	T. K. K.	Aug. 29
Nordkyn	Manila	S. T. & Co.	Aug. 30
Kumsang	Manila	J. M. & Co.	Aug. 31
Hiroshima M.	Singapore	N. Y. K.	Aug. 31
Lothian	Manila	C. M. & Co.	Aug. 31
Kiautschou	Manila	M. & Co.	Sept. 1
Zieten	Manila	P. & A. Co.	Sept. 2
Indrasambha	Manila	P. M. & Co.	Sept. 3
Siberia	Manila	B. & S.	Sept. 4
Chingta	Singapore	B. & S.	Sept. 7
Emp. of Japan	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Sept. 8
Tatar	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Sept. 13
Coptic	San Francisco	O. & O. Co.	Sept. 16
America Maru	San Francisco	P. M. Co.	Sept. 23

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

Hygeia	at Kowloon Dock.
Pembroke hire	"
Tai-on	"
Lighting	"
Kaipan	"
U.S.A.T. Sumner	Cosmopolitan
Helen Wyman	"
Changsha	"
Rubi	"
Chowia	"
Taihu	"

Vessels in Port.

STEAMERS.	
Baron Driesen, R. s.s., 2,973, Plazing, 27th Aug.—Amoy 27th Aug., Gen.—S. T. & Co.	
Changsha, Br. s.s., 1,463, Moore, 17th Aug.—Singapore 22nd July, and Manila 15th Aug., Gen.—B. & S.	
Chowia, Ger. s.s., 1,055, Kohler, 23rd Aug.—Bangkok 17th Aug., Rice, Wood and Gen.—B. & S.	
Claverhill, Br. s.s., 1,029, Seldin, 11th Aug.—Cardiff 23rd June, Fuel—Admiralty.	
Daphne, Ger. s.s., 1,209, Schipper, 24th Aug.—Sourabaya 15th Aug., Sugar and Ground-nuts.—E. A. T. Co.	
Doric, Br. s.s., 4,975, Smith, R.N.R., 19th Aug.—San Francisco 23rd July, via Honolulu 29th, Yokohama 11th Aug., Kobe 12th, Nagasaki 14th, and Shanghai (Wooing) 17th, Mails and Gen.—O. & O. S. N. Co.	
Dott, Nor. s.s., 630, Gjermre, 24th Aug.—Bangkok 16th Aug., Rice—Kin Te Lung.	
Elg, Norw. s.s., 708, Christophersen, 26th Aug.—Mojil 19th Apr., Coal—C. & Co.	
Hupei, Br. s.s., 1,104, Mathias, 21st Aug.—Canton 24th Aug., Gen.—B. & S.	
Kisagata Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,740, Yoshihira, 25th Aug.—Kantzu 1st Aug., Gen.—D. & Co., Ltd.	
Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,340, Tor-ible, 11th Aug.—Singapore 5th Aug., Gen.—B. & S.	
Lightning, Br. s.s., 2,122, Spence, 24th Aug.—Calcutta 8th Aug., Penang and Singapore 15th, Gen.—D. S. & Co., Ltd.	
Maria Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,017, Bandelin, 22nd Aug.—Swatow 21st Aug., Gen.—A. K. & Co.	
Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, Welsh, 19th Aug.—Sandakan 13th Aug., Timber and Gen.—J. M. & Co.	
Michael Jensen, Ger. s.s., 710, Uldrup, 14th Aug.—Haiphong 10th Aug., Pakhoi 11th, and Hoihow 13th, Gen.—J. M. & Co.	
Nanshan, Br. s.s., 1,296, Stovell, 21st Aug.—Samarang 12th Aug., Sugar—B. & Co.	
Nanyang, Ger. s.s., 983, Hass, 22nd Aug.—Hilo 18th Aug., Ballast—Tunk Ker.	
Onsang, Br. s.s., 1,787, Davies, 23rd Aug.—Mojil 15th Aug., Coal—J. M. & Co.	
Perla, Br. s.s., 1,287, McGinty, 15th Aug.—Cebu 20th Aug., Gen.—S. T. & Co.	
Phra Chom Khao, Ger. s.s., 1,017, Reimers, 24th Aug.—Bangkok 17th Aug., Rice.—B. & S.	
Pisanulok, Ger. s.s., 1,267, Fuchs, 22nd Aug.—Bangkok 15th Aug., Rice.—B. & S.	
Pompey, Am. s.s., 1,200, Range, 23rd May.—Manila, P.I. 25th May, Ballast.—U. S. Government.	
Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,611, Almond, 24th Aug.—Manila, P.I. 22nd Aug., Gen.—S. T. & Co.	
Sambha, Ger. s.s., 3,023, Schmidt, 27th Aug.—Singapore 21st Aug., Gen.—H. A. L.	
Savoia, Ger. s.s., 1,630, Deinat, 27th Aug.—Swatow 26th Aug., Ballast.—H. A. L.	
Shinano Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,960, Thompson, 25th Aug.—Shanghai 22nd Aug., Coal.—N. Y. K.	
Shini Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,956, Oshida, 27th Aug.—Mojil 20th Aug., Coal.—Order.	
Tailu, Ger. s.s., 1,063, Menzell, 20th June.—Mauritius via Singapore 14th June, Gen.—E. A. T. Co.	
Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,340, Williamson, 23rd Aug.—Saigon 19th Aug., Rice and Flour.—Nam Wo & Co.	
Thea, Ger. s.s., 933, Obierich, 22nd Aug.—Chefoo 15th Aug., Gen.—Chinese.	
Tiglav, Aust. s.s., 618, Randich, 25th Aug.—Swatow 24th Aug., Gen.—Order.	
Triumph, Ger. s.s., 768, Hansen, 18th Aug.—Mojil 10th Aug., Coal—J. M. & Co.	
Wineland, Dan. s.s., 962, Degpe, 24th Aug.—Mojil 18th Aug., Coal.—Order.	
Zafiro, Br. s.s., 1,611, Rodger, 18th Aug.—Manila 16th Aug., Gen.—S. T. & Co.	

SAILING VESSELS.

Columbia, Am. sch., 772, Sprague, 27th Mar.—B. & S.	
Comet, Br. 4-masted bq., 2,890, Davis, 4th Aug.—New York 9th Apr., Kerosine.—S. O. Co.	
Forthbank, Br. bq., 1,322, Young, 27th Aug.—Cebu 28th June, Ballast.—D. & Co., Ltd.	
Grosvenor, Br. bq., 516, Boga, 14th June.—Mauritius 16th Jan., Sugar.—A. & Co.	
Helena Wyman, Am. bq., 1,511, Vanhorn, 10th Aug.—Singapore 1st Aug.—Ballast—Master.	

Shipping Reports.

Str. Crown of Arragon from Fochow: Light S.E. and Ely winds, smooth sea, and much rain.

Str. Chaecheu from Singapore: Light S.W. and S.E. winds, fine weather, with occasional rain squalls.

Str. Eastern from Sydney: Left there on the 5th inst., called at usual Queensland ports, Port Darwin, Timor, and Manila; having fine weather throughout passage, arrived at Hongkong on the 27th.

Str. Hatching from Fochow: There is Amoy light winds and cloudy weather, squally approaching Amoy; there to Swatow light winds and cloudy weather, with Ely swell; Swatow to Hongkong light Ely winds and cloudy weather with occasional showers.

Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward—21st July—Abyssinia. 24th July—Benmore, Ping Suey, Achilles. 27th July—Auchenard. 28th July—Comerica. 1st Aug.—Glaucus. 5th Aug.—Oanfa, Tigerkien. 8th Aug.—Idomeneus, Deucalion. 12th Aug.—Borneo, Fairlie, Zieten, Regina. 14th Aug.—Agamemnon, Australian, Brigavina, Lennox, Simla, Manila, Glenesk, Wabisa Maru. 19th Aug.—Benlauer, Indramayo, Freiburg, Simoon, St. Fillans. 21st Aug.—Benlond, Jave, Jason. 25th Aug.—Ceylon, Gleneshiel.

Homeward—24th July—Annam. 12th Aug.—Arauc. 14th Aug.—Amana.

Arrivals at Home 7th August—Bombay. 8th August—Anlenor, Marburg. 12th August—Strassburg. 12th August—Canton. 14th August—Hyson, Kawanishi Maru, Nubia. 19th August—Hudson, Alcinous, Preussen, Ernest Simons, Flindshire. 21st August—Bingo Maru. 25th August—Kotroma, Polynesia, Glenfarg, Suevia, Hamburg, Vindobona.

Post Office.

A Mail will close for—

Chefoo and Newchwang—Per Thea, 29th inst., 8 A.M.

Manila—Per Zafiro, 29th inst., 9 A.M.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per Pisanulok, 29th inst., 9 A.M.

Canton—Per Kinsan, 29th inst., 9.30 A.M.

Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang—Per Oansa, 29th inst., 10 A.M.

Bangkok—Per P. C. Klar, 29th inst., 10 A.M.

Europe & India, via Tuticorin—Per Valetta, 29th inst., 11 A.M.

Macao—Per Heungshan, 29th inst., 1.15 P.M.

Shanghai—Per Waishing, 29th inst., 3 P.M.

Shanghai—Per Huphe, 29th inst., 3 P.M.

Singapore and Penang—Per Baron Driesen, 29th inst., 3 P.M.

Swatow, Chefoo and Tientsin—Per Kwei-yang, 29th inst., 4 P.M.

Gensan, Nagasaki and Vladivostok—Per Savoia, 29th inst., 4 P.M.

Yokohama and Kobe—Per Sambha, 29th inst., 5 P.M.

Macao—Per Wingchai, 29th inst., 5 P.M.

Sanbue—Per Lee Wing, 29th inst., 5 P.M.

Namtau—Per Taichun, 29th inst., 5 P.M.

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow—Per Hatching, 29th inst., 5 P.M.

Singapore and Penang—Per Merionethshire, 29th inst., 5 P.M.

Canton—Per Pawan, 30th inst., 9 A.M.

Macao—Per Wingchai, 30th inst., 9 A.M.

Sanbue—Per Lee Wing, 30th inst., 9 A.M.

Namtau—Per Taichun, 30th inst., 9 A.M.

Kumchuk and Samshui—Per Tungkong, 30th inst., 9 A.M.

Shanghai, Chemulpo, Dalsey and Port Arthur—Per Sullberg, 31st inst., 11 A.M.

Macao—Per Heungshan, 31st inst., 1.15 P.M.

Tientsin—Per Wosang, 31st inst., 3 P.M.

Cebu and Hilo—Per Perla, 31st inst., 3 P.M.

Ningpo and Shanghai—Per Ichang, 31st inst., 4 P.M.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Lightning, 1st Sept., 10 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per Doric, 1st Sept., 11 A.M.

Europe & India, via Tuticorin—Per Kinsan, 2nd Sept., 11 A.M.

Hilo—Per Wuchang, 4th Sept., 3 P.M.

Manila—Per Rubi, 5th Sept., 9 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Taitau, 7th Sept., 11 A.M.

Europe & India, via Tuticorin—Per Savoia, 8th Sept., 11 A.M.

Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per Changsha, 8th Sept., 3 P.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Empress of Japan, 23rd Sept., 11 A.M.

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

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Havergal, E. F. E.	Walters, Mrs.
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Curtis, W. W.	Park, Mr. & Mrs. A. A.
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Bacon, W. E.	Macgowan, R. J.
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Benson, A. M. T.	Mariotti, Dr. O.
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Brown, W. S.	Miller, P. L.
Callen, F. W.	Moller, Mrs. and child
Carey, E. C.	Murphy, Mr. and Mrs.
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Hooper, Mr. and Mrs.	Ubalay, A.
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Icely, Rev. J.	Weir, Dr. & Mrs. R. F.
Jackman, H. T.	Williams, J.
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Joseph, Mr. and Mrs.	Woolmer, Mr. & Mrs.
Katsch, E. A.	Wright, Mr. and Mrs.
Kincaid, W.	C. Gordon
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Kincaid, Master G.	

KING EDWARD.

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Halborn, Mr.	
Howard, E.	

CONNAUGHT.

Campbell, R.E., Lieut.	Jordan, Mr. and Mrs.
J. R.	E. G.
Cox, F.	Lee, G. E.
Daly, Mr. and Mrs. R.	Marston, Mr. & Mrs. L.
Duff, H. M.	Tyrwhitt, T.
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PEAK.

Allison, A.	Longuet, Mr. and Mrs.
Barnett, Dr.	C. W.
Beattie, Andrew	McDermott, A. P. B.
Behn, Geo.	McGowan, Mr. & Mrs.
Besnard, Mrs.	A.
Bird, Dr. and Mrs. J.	Miliken, C. N.
W.	Mitchell, Robert
Brown, Col. L. F.	Mortimore, Miss C.
Brusse, George L.	Ollis, Mr. and Mrs. F.
Burns, Major and Mrs.	B.
J. W. and children	Ormonist, R. A., Major
Chapman, Mr. & Mrs.	and Mrs. J. W.
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Chichester, Maj. A. A.	Philpot, Donald
Dymack, R.A., Lieut. A.	Pollock, K. C., H. E.
Ferrier, Col. and Mrs.	Pratt, R. A., Major and Mrs. H. A.
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Jeffries, H. U.	Thompson, Capt. N. G.
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. P.	Thomson, O. D.
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King, R. H.	W. G.
Lambkin, Miss	Voort, R.T.R., Mr.
Lambkin, Col. & Mrs.	Wenborn, S. T.
F. J.	Wilford, F. C.
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CRAIGIEBURN.

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Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs.	Lyons, Capt. and Mrs.
Gilchrist, Mrs.	Pearce, Mr. and Mrs.
Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S.	T. W.
Johnston, Mrs. and child	Sisters, (Gov. Civil Hospital)
Helms, W.	Summers, Mr. and Mrs.
Hug, Mrs. E.	Wright, Mr. and Mrs. R. F., child & nurse.

THOMAS.

Bain, J. S.	Gayle, H. I.
Bassett, H. D.	Li Man Yin.
Bell, W. A.	Manners, A. C.
Blanchetta, L. S.	Phils, E.
Chale, I.	Roberts, Capt.
Chick, T. H., Mr. and Mrs. C. and 2 children	Robertson, O. L.
Congo, Mr.	Rougean, E.
Cushim, J. W.	Siet Tiang Lim, Mr.
Disney, J. I.	Wheeler, Mr.
	Young, L. C.

THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd.	\$ 125	Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8 = \$18 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$635
National Bank of China, Ltd.	\$ 8	3/14 = \$1.96 for 1902	\$28 1/2
Do. Founders, Ltd.	\$ 1	None	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of C'lon, Ltd.	\$ 100	60 per cent = \$30 per share for 1901	\$407 1/2
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 % = \$4 for year ended 30.4.1902	\$62 1/2
North China In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of £1 for 1902	Tls. 225 s.
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	20 % = \$12 for 1901	\$133 1/2
Canton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	25 % = \$14 per share for 1901	\$180 b.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$22 per share for 1901	\$327 1/2
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$86 1/2
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao S. B. Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$1 1/2 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$35
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	5 % = 10/- per share for 1902	\$25
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	10 % = \$5 per share for 1900	\$20 s.
Douglas S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1902	\$40
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$1.20 = 12 % for year ending 30.6.1903	\$18
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 1	60 cts. = 30 % for 1902	\$1
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Final of 5 % making 7 % for the year	Tls. 48 1/2
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 % making 20 % for 1902	Tls. 355 s.
Shanghai Cargo B. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 % making 13 % for 1902	Tls. 172 1/2
Co-operative Cargo B. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 % making 13 % for 1902	Tls. 172 1/2
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1901	\$96 b.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$6 per share for 1897	\$11 1/2
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Fin. of 7 % for year ending 30.9.02	Tls. 65
MINING.			
Punjin Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 11	None	\$1 1/2
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 350	Fin. of Frs. 30 making Frs. 60 for 1902	\$600 s.
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	No. 9 of 5 % for 1-year end. 31.7.94	50 cents
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£0.18.10	No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01	\$9
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 1	No. 1 of 1/6 per share 10.10.02	Tls. 6.50
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	12 % = \$6 for 1 year 30.6.03	\$205 ex d. sa.
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of Tls. 8 making Tls. 15 for year ending 30.4.03	Tls. 135
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Final of \$2 1/2 making \$4 1/2 for 1902	\$88 b.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 6 1/2	\$2 1/2 for 1902	\$37 1/2 b.
Shanghai & Hongkong Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903	Tls. 235 ex d.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	8 % = 80 cents per share for 1902	\$9 1/2 sa.
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Interim of \$6 for 1903	\$155
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$2.30 per share for 1902	\$37
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of \$1 1/2 for 1903	\$50 1/2
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$6 for 2nd 1-year making \$12 for 1902	\$153
Oriente Hotel Co., Ltd. (Manila)	\$ 50	8 % = \$4 for 1-year ending 31.12.1900	\$56 b.
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	\$ 25	15 % for half-year ending 31.12.01	\$28 sa.
Hotel des Colonies—Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Tls. 25	6 % for year ending 31.3.03	Tls. 16 sa.
Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei)	Tls. 25	First year	Tls. 25
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1902	\$11
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 6 % for 1903	Tls. 102 s.
COTTON MILLS.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 40 cents, account 1902/1903	\$15 b.
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	3 % for period ended 31.10.97	Tls. 36 s.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of 3 % on account of 1898	Tls. 40 s.
Laon-kuang-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898	Tls. 40 s.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	4 % for period ended 31.12.00	Tls. 200
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.			
Alhambra, Ltd.	\$ 500	25 % for year ending 30.6.1900	\$250 b.
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	None	\$15 b.
Shanghai - Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.	Tls. 20	Interim of Tls. 3 per share	Tls. 51 ex d. b.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	12 % = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$23 b.
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 12	First year	\$10
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 5 % for 1902	\$14 b.
Watkins, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 per share for 1902	\$7 b.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$12 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$7
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1901	\$40 b.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$10 for 1902	\$145
Geo. Feawick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1902	\$47 1/2
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of \$4 for 1903	\$250 s.
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$18 for year ending 31.11.1902	\$320 s.
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	75 cents for year ending 31.7.1902	\$12 b.
Hongkong & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	5 per cent. = \$2 1/2 for 1901	\$40
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$40 s.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£0.12.6	90 cents } for year ending 31.5.03	\$5 1/2
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	\$29.70 }	\$20 b.
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 6 %	\$1 1/2 b.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	None	\$1 1/2
Robinson Pianos Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	5 % = \$2 1/2 for half-year 1901	\$50
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	None	\$15 b.
William Powell, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$9
Maatschappij tot Mijp. - Boschend Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat, Limited	Guilders 100	3rd Interim Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 and bonus of Tls. 2 1/2 per share paid 15.6.1903	Tls. 205 b.
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